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this point, and it's not something I'm going to linger on to hold the bill up from advancing. But I think it is very important and, in the rush to make organs and tissue available, we should not, through the law, erase the intention of a person who said he or she would be such a donor. And we are not in a position to say that everybody who agreed to be a donor under the existing law would automatically agree to be one under the change in the law. There are people who are concerned about and interested in what their family members might have in mind for them after they leave here, so before I will agree to vote for the bill ultimately,...

SENATOR ENGEL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the very significant question that Senator Redfield raised is going to have to be answered to my satisfaction, and I don't think a notification in the newspaper is enough. Not everybody takes the newspaper, not everybody reads the newspaper. We don't know how prominently information of that kind will be displayed. We don't even know if a newspaper will print it. We don't know if television and radio will do anything with it. So, although Senator Kruse, on the spur of the moment, mentioned a possibility, and I have no answer on the spur of the moment except notifying everybody, I will let it go at this point. Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Redfield, I appreciate your attentiveness.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Call the question.

SENATOR ENGEL: There are no other lights on. Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Schrock, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Redfield and Senator Chambers, your concerns have not gone unnoticed by me. I will seek some solution to this between now and Select File. I do appreciate Senator Johnson, Senator Kruse and Senator Jensen's support on this issue, and others. I would remind you, though, that if you are under the age of 18